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**Changes to certifications in connection with EU type examination under the Machinery Directive, the Pressure Equipment Directive and the ATEX Directive**

The rules for declaring the conformity of products to the Machinery Directive, ATEX Directive and Pressure Equipment Directive have changed, which means that we have to move these activities for type testing and certification from the Danish Technological Institute to the Institute's certification body, Dancert A/S.

You can read the background for this and the requirements of the new rules in the last section of this letter.

The Declarations of Conformity under the Machinery Directive and the ATEX Directive have been planned to move in December this year.

**What this means for you as a company**

For the certificates/type test certificates that are issued from the Danish Technological Institute, and which are still active, there will be no changes. These will continue to be valid until they need to be changed or expire.

For certificates/type test certificates that are issued after the move to Dancert, these will be issued by Dancert and under Dancert's General terms and conditions for certification [General terms \(dancert.dk\)](https://www.dancert.dk)

For certificate holders, this will not mean any real changes to the process itself involved in getting certificates/type test certificates/declarations.

Dancert uses experts employed at the Danish Technological Institute to carry out the work, subject to Dancert's quality procedures and Dancert's management. There will thus be no changes in terms of the experts the companies are used to working with.

New applications for certifications must from now on be sent to Dancert. The application forms will soon be available on Dancert's website:

[Application forms \(dancert.dk\)](https://dancert.dk)

The certificates/type test certificates will be issued based on Dancert's templates, and this will also apply to the documents that are received in connection with certification/type testing.

For the certificates where DTI is included in the numbering, this will be changed to DAN instead.

We hope for your understanding during this move to Dancert which is solely based on changes to the rules - changes that will impact all notified bodies in the EU. We will of course do our best to assist and we will of course also respond to questions that may arise about this.

### **Background and requirements of the rule changes**

For the conformity declarations in the form of certifications of products under the requirements of a number of EU directives, notification is required by the body that issued the conformity declarations. To be notified, the body must be accredited.

European Accreditation (EA) is a body where national accreditation bodies in the EU harmonise their accreditation methods. EA has prepared guidelines for accreditation that forms the basis for the notification in the document EA-2/17 M: 2020 EA Document on Accreditation for Notification Purposes.

In this document, the concept of "preferred accreditation standards" for a number of EU directives has been introduced. DANAK, which has accredited the Danish Technological Institute for inspection according to EN 17020, has chosen to implement this concept in their accreditation rules.

This means that 'EN 17065 Conformity assessment - Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services' is now a requirement for certification bodies that carry out type approvals, etc. under the Machinery Directive, the ATEX Directive and large parts of the Pressure Equipment Directive.

Bodies that certify according to EN 17065 may not be part of a company that offers advisory services for the area. In order to be able to provide these services, the Danish Technological Institute established the limited company Dancert A/S some years ago. Dancert's sole shareholder is the Danish Technological Institute, but it operates independently in relation to the daily management of the Danish Technological Institute. Dancert is accredited to certify products, systems and persons.

Due to DANAK's new rules for conformity declarations in regard to the Machinery, ATEX and Pressure Equipment Directives, it is necessary to move these activities over to Dancert as the Danish Technological Institute will not be able to maintain notification for the area. However, parts of the Pressure Equipment Directive will be able to remain under the Danish Technological Institute.

Your sincerely,

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